

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**SELF-CROSS-LINKING ALKYL CELLULOSE DERIVATIVE, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE  
THEREOF**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with  
26 pages of specification and claims including  
14 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>
Hei 11-177517	Japan	23 June 1999 (priority not claimed)

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Other:

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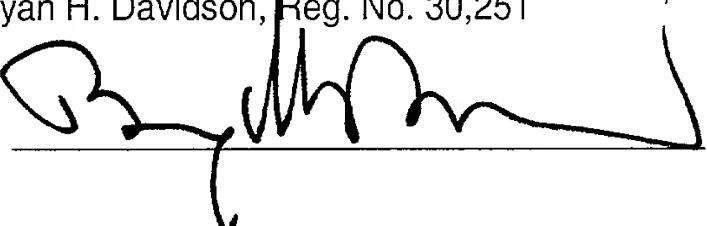
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